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PRICE 2½ PER MONTH

ARRIVALS.

October 4. ROMAN, British steamer, 1456, W. B. Bigley, Shanghai via Foochow and Amoy 23rd September, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

October 4. WELLINGTON, German steamer, 728, Zopke, Cob 28th September, Sugar-WIRER & CO.

October 5. FOURNOES, British str., 391, Hugo, Whampoa 5th October, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

October 5. ASHINGTON, British steamer, 803, W. Russell, Whampoa 5th October, General—SISSON & CO.

October 6. CUSHMAN, British steamer, 1170, F. H. Seaton, Yokohama via Kobe and Nagasaki 27th September, Mails and General—P. & C. S. N. Co.

October 5. GLAUCUS, British steamer, 1382, Hanck, Liverpool, and Singapore 28th Sept., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

October 5. GULF OF ADEN, British str., 1373, G. J. Allan, Middleseas 21st August, and Singapore 27th September, General—GIRL LIVINGSTON & CO.

CLEARANCES.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Don Juan, British str., for Amoy.
Hongkong, British str., for Swallow.
Nygham, British ship, for New York.
Dionne, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

October 5. ANTON, German str., for Heilow.
October 5. YANGTZE BRITISH, for Whampoa.
October 5. CHINA, German steamer, for Haiphong.
October 5. OXFORDSHIRE, British steamer, for Saigon.
October 5. SHELBURNE, British steamer, for Manila, for a cruise.
October 5. DUBURO, German str., for Swatow.
October 5. DON JUAN, Spanish str., for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.
Per Dionne, str., from Shanghai. 28—29 Chinese.
Per Ningpo, str., from Cebu—Mr. C. Mordaunt.
Per Tsin, str., for Hongkong.—From Yokohama—H.R.H. Prince Devawong and 12 Members of his Staff, Capt. Fawcett, Mr. Hall, Mr. Bailey, Mr. H. Wagstaff and 4 Chinese.
Per Kubo—Matsu, Naga and Morits, and 2 Chinese From Nagasaki.—H.E. Klaw Sun Bee (Governor of Kura Bay), Messrs. L. R. Bloomfield, H. R. Bloomfield, G. E. Bloomfield, L. V. Dyne, Freerand, 5 Chinese and 4 Japanese, for Penang.—From Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, For Vanice.—W. H. S. Smith, For Colombo—Earl and Countess of London, Messrs. Fitz-Anderson and Barret.
Per Glauze, str., from Liverpool, &c. 456 Chinese.
Per Gulf of Aden, str., from Middlesbrough, &c.—Mr. J. Sheriff, and 366 Chinese from Singapore.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Dione, from Shanghai via Foochow and Amoy, 23rd September, reports strong N.E. winds and heavy seas.

The German steamer Wellington, from Cob 20th September, reports very hard gales outside, afterwards strong N.E. winds, blowing strong with rain squalls.

The British steamer Glauze, from Liverpool and Singapore 25th September, reports strong N.E. winds and heavy seas. The typhoon was there at 15 N. Lat., 119 E. From these to port strong E.N.E. winds and high seas.

The British steamer Gulf of Aden, from Middlesbrough 21st August, and Singapore 27th September, reports experienced the same throughout the voyage with exception of having encountered a terrible typhoon on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday last.

NAGASAKI SHIPPING.

Arrivals.
21. Mulin, British str., from Fooan.
21. Ido, German str., from Shanghai.
22. Nord, Danish str., from Shanghai.
23. General Werder, German str., from Kobo.
24. Vismar, German str., from Shanghai.
25. Omi-maru, Jap. str., from Tientsin.
25. Higashimaru, Jap. str., from Kobe.
25. Maru, British str., from Hongkong.
25. Satsuma-maru, Jap. str., from Shanghai.
September—Departures
21. Lederer, British cruiser, for Shanghai.
22. Omura, Aus. corv. for Chemulpo.
22. Nord, Danish str., for Shanghai.
23. General Werder, German str., for Hongkong.
23. Maru, British str., for Sargoshien.
23. Omi-maru, Jap. str., for Shanghai.
23. Maru, British str., for Yokohama.
27. Higashimaru, Jap. str., for Korea.
27. Satsuma-maru, Jap. str., for Yokohama.

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE "MONOPOLE" —REIDSBIECK & CO.—
MONOPOLE RED SEAL (medium dry).
Do. " " GOLD FOIL" (dry).
Do. " " (extra dry).
CARLOWITZ & CO., Sole Agents for HERIBRECK & CO., BEIRNS, For Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 1st July, 1885. [126]

JUST RECEIVED.

GUARANTEED the very best Quality HOLLAND GINGER or GIN in Cases of One Dozen of 1/2 Pint White Crystal Glass Bottles, 1/2 Pint. Dozen.

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For further Particulars and Cards of Inspection apply to BAT HIN CHAN & CO., 85, Bonham Strand West, Hongkong, 22nd September, 1887. [128]

FOR SALE.

A Collection of about 400 UNPOLISHED GEMS. Can be seen on application at the Office of this Paper. Hongkong, 26th February, 1887. [129]

INTIMATIONS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Have just unpacked the following Goods Suitable for the Present Season:

GENTLEMEN'S HOISERY,
Comprising—

SOCKS: TIES: MERINO, COTTON and ANGLO-INDIA GAUZE UNDERCLOTHING; SILK,

LINEN THREAD, COTTON AND WOOLLEN SOCKS;

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FELT HATS, STRAW HATS, AND PITH HATS.

ALSO, LADIES' & GENTLEMEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong, 21st September, 1887. [128]

W. BREWER HAS JUST RECEIVED Notes on Concrete.
Electricity by Larden.
Gillespies Land and Marine Surveying.
First Lessons in Science by Colenso.
English as it is taught by Mark Twain.
Lays of Ind.

Bon Gaultier's Ballads.

My Friend's Autograph Album.

How to be Happy the Married, sked Ed. Lord Lytton's Pamphlets and Sketches.

Dadd's New Work in English.

Quantity of New Cheap Literature.

New Children's Books.

New Music and New Songs.

Tennis Shoes and Tennis Materials.

Myrtle Grove Tobacco.

Large quantity of Silver Mounted Brise Pipes.

WALTER W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

KELLY AND WALSH'S LIST OF NEW AND POPULAR BOOKS: King Solomon's Mines, Witcher Head, She-Jack, and Allan Quatermain by Rider Haggard (cheap Edition); Cassell's Books; Chamber's English Literature, 2 Vols. bound in half Calico; McCallum's Commercial Dictionary; British Standard & Practical Interest Tables; Boston Book of Needlework; The Lady's Banner and Fancy Fair Book; Handy Volume Edition Shakespear, 18 Vols. in case, Leather and Cloth Bindings; Youatt on the Horse; Grace's Landscape Painting in Oils; Japanese Types illustrated by Mrs. Yuko T. Jackson, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 20th September, 1887. [128]

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Some less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No deposit may be made in less than \$2,000 in any one year.

3.—Depositors on the books of the Bank having \$10 or more at their credit, may withdraw the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Depositors in respect of his invitation, restricted many valuable suggestions, and confirmed, and have provided many more, and he needs further time to examine them and to obtain the views of the Government thereon.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, at the beginning of January and again at July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if made on HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

8.—For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

9.—T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 29th September, 1887. [129]

NOTICE.

INTIMATIONS.

NOW READY. 187
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For 1887.
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(TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ISSUE).
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to date, and is much increased in size.

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LONDON, Mr. W. M. Wills, 151, Canon St.,
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Exchange.
Daily Press Office, January 1887.

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OUR NEW SEASON'S
FLOWER AND VEGETABLE
SEEDS
ARE NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

VEGETABLE PARCEL PRICE \$7.50.
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SPECIAL FLORISTS' SEEDS
IN SEPARATE NAMED VARIETIES

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 19th September, 1887.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until discontinued.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent at least four hours before the supply is limited.

TELEPHONE NO. 12.

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HONGKONG, OCTOBER 6TH, 1887.

That vigorous journalistic warfare in the far north of China which has taken to itself the somewhat ambitious title of the *Chinese Times* is determined to be heard. Unfortunately for itself, its zeal out-matches its discretion; in the effort to gain notoriety it has indulged in grievous slanders. A mild rebuke was administered in these columns some time ago, and our *Tiontean* contemporary has taken it in such ill part that it has emplanted the vials of its wrath upon us. We have no particular objection to be termed "venerable," for this journal has just completed its thirtieth year, and this certainly is a venerable age for Hongkong. Our modesty might rebel against the designation of "angel," were not the term qualified by the adjective "prudish," and had not our young contemporary inferentially ranked itself among the fools. We lay no pretensions to angelic qualities, and we impute no monopoly of folly to the *Times*; but certainly that journal might have made a painful discovery of the fatuity of its recent article, had the persons libelled chosen to take notice of it. The *Absyssina* is expected to arrive between 3 and 5 p.m.

In his article on the *Victory* Hospital Medical School, in the *Missionary Journal*, Dr. McKenzie gives the following amusing account of the experiences of one of the students:

"A third was placed at the service of General Chow, who has the command of a body of troops, said to number 15,000, encamped some 20 miles from Tsin-tien. Soon after he had joined the General's staff, an interesting incident occurred, which will be familiar to all who have read the *Times* article, viz., that the General's house was surrounded by a newly-married man, who retained at head-quarters and the old occupant of the post was removed to another camp, or should the new-comer be placed elsewhere. A brilliant idea originated in the mind of the great man. He himself, aided by the other red-bottoned generals under his command, would act as a sort of court of inquiry and investigate into the specific abilities of the new-comer. The General, however, under a narrow scowl directed for the occasion, and the general and colonels, attended by their respective staffs—and even a colonel requires a staff in China—assumed in full paraphernalia, and seated themselves in order of precedence. The two unfortunate medics were then called in, and before this august assembly and in presence of each other underwent an examination. At the conclusion of the trial, the General, who had been a good deal interested in the result, said to the new-comer: 'Come to me again when you have had time to think over your conduct.'

He was examined by Mr. Caldwell, witness said when they got into harbour the *Bruneian* did not work in gauge but turned to clean the engines.

Some time before the search was made, the crew went ashore before the search was made.

A. Riddi, chief officer on board the *Marte*, said in consequence of what the previous witness told him he went forward with him and overhauled all the boxes there. He found nothing, and the search was discontinued.

The following notice with regard to the landing of the new Governor was issued yesterday:

COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
HONGKONG, 6th October, 1887.

The Acting Clerk of Council has received the commands of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to invite the Honorable Members of the Executive Council to be present in the presence of Sir George William de Veux, K.C.M.G., from the Canadian Postmaster-General, which is expected to arrive on about the 6th instant, for the purpose of the opening of the annual Office of His Excellency.

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We hear that Mr. Bedell Lee Yuen, First Interpreter at the Magistracy, has resigned his post. Mr. Bedell Lee Yuen has held the appointment for a long term of years, but the interpretation has been very inaccurate and has led to many complaints. A change for the better will doubtless follow.

The central rail of the Peak Tramway arrived some days ago and is now being laid. The tramway will therefore be in working order very shortly, the delay in opening it having been caused by having to send home for this new rail when the principle of the safety rope was found unsuitable. An automatic break has been substituted for the latter, and the centre rail is to afford the necessary grip.

As the Pawnbrokers' Manual fire engine was proceeding to the scene of the fire in Hing Kiu Lane yesterday morning, the eccles in charge lost control over it, when close to the *Wan Chai* temple, where there is a shop selling and the engine ran into the crowd, causing a number of injuries. The men were at once removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where their injuries were found to be sufficiently serious a to warrant their detention.

The P. & O. steamer *Tetraon*, which arrived here yesterday morning from Japan, brought among her passengers His Royal Highness Prince Davaowong of Siam, the members of his suite, and the Governor of Kraw. The Prince is on his way home from England, and travelled through Canada and via Vancouver and San Francisco, and will call at Hongkong, and then proceed to Siam. The distinguished visitors were greeted with a salute on their arrival, and the Acting Governor, Sir Edward G. Lewis, was on hand to welcome them, and to receive their gifts. On landing at Murray Wharf, where a review of honour was stationed, they were conducted to Government House, where they will remain as guests of the newly-appointed Governor. Pending his arrival they will be entertained by the Acting Governor, who last evening gave a dinner in their honour. The Prince's suite is staying at the *Hongkong Hotel*.

The British steamer *Gulf of Aden*, which arrived here yesterday afternoon, had on board a cargo of rails for Tientsin to be used in the construction of the Kalgan-Taku railway. The *Gulf of Aden*, which has been chartered by the Chinese Government, was due here yesterday afternoon, but was delayed by meeting with bad weather and a heavy typhoon after leaving Singapore. She is a fine new steel vessel, built by Messrs. Rayton, Dixon & Co., Middlebrough-on-Tees. She is 312 feet long and forty feet in width, and has a registered tonnage of 1,570. She is fitted with triple expansion engines and has an effective horsepower of 2,400. The passage from Mid-thirty two days. The *Gulf of Aden* has been specially engaged for the Australian passenger trade and will fulfil all requirements under the Empress Britannica.

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FACTS.

MONKEYS OPENING OYSTERS.
"So many people have expressed their surprise at hearing that I constantly saw monkeys breaking open oysters with a stone on the islands of South Burma, may be of interest to give a short description of their method of using such a tool," writes Commander C. P. Ferrier in *Nature*. "The low-water roads of the islands of the Maroo Archipelago are covered with oysters, large and small. A monkey, probably *macacus cynomys*, which infest those islands, prances about the shore when the tide is low, opening the rock oysters with a stone by striking the base of the upper valves until it dislocates and breaks up. He then extracts the oyster with his finger and thumb, occasionally putting his hand straight to the broken shell. On disturbing them I generally found that they had selected a stone more appropriate for convenience in handling than for its value as a hammer, and it was smaller in proportion to what a human being could have selected for a proportionate amount of work. In short, it was usually a stone that could fit on their fingers around. As the rocks crop up through the low water mud, the stone had to be brought from high-water marks, the distance varying from one to eight yards. This monkey has chosen the easiest way to open the rock oysters, viz., to dislocate the valves by a blow on the upper valve to break the shell over the attacking muscle. The gibbon also frequents these islands, but I never saw one of them on the beach."

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STRANGE MEETING OF PROFESSOR AND STUDENT IN RIBERA.

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JOHNNY-COME-LATELY" AND HIS TROOP.
An American frontier military post the commandant was a bluff old dragoon whose idea of discipline, although strict, was by no means that of a martinet. Connected with one of the troops was a dandified young Lieutenant, who, having been graduated at the head of his class at West Point, appeared to entertain the notion that he was of some importance. Whenever he chanced to be placed in authority as officer of the day, he invariably involved himself in some difficulty. It was his custom to pass unnecessarily in front of the guard-house at least a dozen times a day. This necessitated the turning of the guard every time he made his appearance, in order to make the customary salute. The soldiers hated him cordially, and abominated upon him the sobriquet of "Johnny-come-lately." He was not long in discovering that fast, and becoming highly incensed, in augmented a series of noisy annoyances to the men, which resulted in the confinement of nearly two-thirds of the guard-house, ten days without trial by court-martial. The commandant was wild at finding that some of the best soldiers in his command were being thus persecuted, and summoned the Lieutenant. "What do you mean, sir?" he roared, "by confining half my command?" "The men are in a state of mutiny," tremblingly replied the Lieutenant, "and besides, their impudence has reached such a height that they call me 'Johnny-come-lately' to my face." "What?" fairly howled the irate commandant—"it is for that reason that you have been persecuting me?" "Why, sir, I've been man and boy over forty years in the service; and the name the men have given me is 'Old Boots.' Get out of my presence, and order every prisoner to be released!"

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY STROLLING AMONG HIS PEOPLE.

The *Kreis Zeitung* published the following anecdotes of Kaiser Wilhelm.—At Eims the Emperor gave evidence of a freshness and spirit of which any man of 70 might be envious. He conversed with a number of ladies and gentlemen, and never tired of responding to the greetings showered upon him. Again, he visited the goldsmiths' shops under the colonnade, and made large purchases. He joked about the high prices, and when one jeweller remarked that the price *haut*, *non* seemed three times as much, the Emperor exclaimed, "You are right; you are right." Taking up an ornament, his Majesty remarked, on the jeweler pointing it out, as a very fine piece of work, "It will be a fine prize, if not? If you find a purchaser I shall congratulate you." "I know who might buy, your Majesty." "Who, then?" "Your Majesty yourself." "Can't be," replied the Emperor. The Emperor is very fond of seals, and has a valuable collection of these objects. The other day he asked the price of one which pleased him. "It costs a thousand marks, your Majesty." "That is too dear. Your Majesty will recollect that in the year 1862 you bought one cost fifteen hundred marks." The Emperor immediately remembered the fact, and replied, "Yes; you are right, but the hands was much larger." As the Emperor was walking in the colonnade, he remarked a young cadet, and beckoning to him to come near, said, "What do you mean to be, son?—A field-marshall, your Majesty?" The Emperor laughed, and remarked to his companions, "He knows how to answer." Like a venerable father he wandered hither and thither with a friendly word for many of his subjects, and kind greetings for all. By his desire a number of officers and soldiers who were staying at Eims for the sake of the waters had taken their station before the Emperor's lodging. There were 30. The Emperor came among them, and kindly inquiring after their circumstances and the cause of their stay at Eims, wished each separately a speedy recovery.

ROCHEFORT'S HOTEL EXPERIENCE.

M. Rochefort has just returned from London, and gives the Parisians a very pleasant account of how he was taken for a thief at Panton's Hotel. "I had," he writes, "left Boulogne to pass a few hours in the bosom of that Albion so famous for her beauty. I took no value, not even a night shirt, as I intended to return the same evening. However, the sea passage was so trying and the train reached London so late that I couldn't think of making a second passage that night. I therefore went to Panton's Hotel in Panton Street, where I had stayed formerly, and whose owner I knew. I entered deliberately, without thinking of the effect my travel stained false collar and shirt cuffs would produce on the people of the house. The landlord I had known had sold out several years before, and the waiters, on seeing a man so ill-brushed and luggage-less enter the dining-room, began to look at one another very mistrustfully. I asked for a room, and was told there was no room. I asked for a bit of roast beef, and was told there was nothing to eat in the house. I mentioned the name of the former landlord, but that did me more harm than good. They would agree to take me in and do me only on condition of my paying beforehand. I at once submitted to these terms, and when the employees saw the contents of my purse they cast looks at each other which plainly said—'He has made a big hole in Paris, and escaped without changing his dress. The dinner was a cruel one, though paid for beforehand; and every time the waiter brought me a dish for which I had to wait an unreasonable time, he gave me a look which said as plain words could have spoken it—'Perhaps they will come and arrest him before the dessert, and that will be so much gained.' I damaged my case utterly by asking for the Paris papers. Evidently it was to see whether the police were on my track. The butler, the porter, and the door-keeper were standing behind me in expectation of an extradition order. A paragraph having made me laugh they made signs to each other which plainly meant, 'Heuses they have lost the agent, and he

never had been there, but that my father used to frequently visit us at his (Smith's) house. That enraged Smith. He struck at me and I struck at him, and then the officer arrested us." "Two dollars each," said the court. "There was a coloured picnic at Odeon Park last evening," said Officer Kelly, "and this man Ashby, who is coloured, if the court will please observe—" "I observe," said the court. "This man Ashby, because I tried to arrest a man who was making a disturbance, put a revolver to the back of my ear and threatened to blow my brain out if I didn't let his pal go." Eugene Robbins, another coloured man, had a knife and threatened to cut the heart out of me. Robert Mc Keane, this other coloured man, also tried to cut my heart out of me." "It was agreed that my friend and I should come back and have supper at 2 a.m. and the unhappy waiter came out of his napkin to sketch for us the richest possible menu. 'That'll do,' said I; 'give us a good supper; but you know I absolutely insist on paying for it beforehand.' The waiter, humbled to the dust, pleaded extenuating circumstances, and said to the M.P.—'I assure you, sir, we never took your friend for a murderer. We merely thought he had robbed a bank, that's all!'

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Sachsen*, with the German mail of the 5th September, left Singapore at 10 a.m. on the 1st, and may be expected here on or about the 6th instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific steamer *Aegean*, with the Canadian mail of the 8th ultimo, left Kobe at 6 p.m. on the 1st, and is due here on the 6th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Beldi*, with the American mail of the 10th September, left Yokohama on the 1st, and is due here on or about the 7th October.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Natal*, with the French mail of the 9th September, leaves Singapore on the 6th, and may be expected here on or about the 13th instant. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 28th July.

STEAMPS EXPECTED.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Amphitrite* left Singapore on the 29th September, and may be looked for here on or about the 8th October.

The N. G. L. steamer *Borodina* left Singapore on the 2nd, and is due here on or about the 7th instant.

THE P. & O. EXTRA STEAMER DECCAN left Singapore at noon on the 4th, and is due here on or about the 7th instant.

The Union Line steamer *Pemphis* and *Metella* left Singapore on the 2nd, and are due here on or about the 8th instant.

The Ben Line steamer *Brasiliensis* left Singapore on the 2nd, and is due here on or about the 8th instant.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenfinlas* left Singapore on the 3rd, and is due here on the 9th instant.

The D. R. steamer *Nicob* left Singapore on the morning of the 4th, and is due here on or about the 10th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The Postal Guide for 1886, revised to date will be found in the Daily Press Directory, p. 385 large edition, p. 701 small edition. This is the only authorised complete summary of Postal information published in Hongkong. The reflection is salutary.

JUSTICE IN NEW JERSEY.

"Kate Connors, you look as blue as policeman's uniform," said Justice Stirling as he took his seat in the First District Court this morning, says the Jersey City *Argus* of July 15. "Kate, do you know that there were no saloons in my occupation as a police magistrate have sent me to this lifelong punishment. But I don't repine. I have sufficient philosophy left to apply myself to the falling of pine trees with the same zest as that with which I formerly delighted to pursue a knotty problem and a difficult age?" I am deprived of the sight and companionship of old friends, but God gives me health and a portion of contentment. My masters pay me with robust health. Are you right; but the hands was much larger." The old man replied sadly: "All God's will, my boy." To the suddenness and severity of my disappearance from Olessa, the second post office might have explained. 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